

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

A serial interface in the form of an IEEE 1394 interface ~~140-142~~ is preferably provided. The IEEE 1394 interface ~~140-142~~ couples an IEEE 1394-compliant serial bus 145 to the system bus 130 or similar communication bus. The IEEE 1394-compliant serial bus 145, as known in the art, allows multiple devices ~~150-148~~ to communicate with the computer 100 and each other using high-speed serial channels and in particular allows other devices coupled to the serial bus to have direct access to ~~various~~ several components of the ~~computer~~ computer's 100 ~~components~~.